

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on March 29, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 21, 3/22/2017
HB 386, 3/13/2017
HB 387, 3/22/2017

HEARING ON SJ 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SJ 21, Interim study of EMS and volunteer firefighters.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:59 Bruce Suenram, deputy chief, Fire and Aviation Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
00:05:48 Audrey Walleser, representing herself
00:13:29 Clinton Loss, president, Montana EMS Association and volunteer fire fighter
00:14:20 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association
00:16:05 Matthew Helgeson, firefighter, SIMS Volunteer Fire Department

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:47 Sen. Sands

HEARING ON HB 386

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:30 Rep. Ron Ehli (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 386, Provide for practice of physical therapy through telemedicine.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:26 Melissa Shannon, Montana Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)

EXHIBIT(phs65a01)

00:22:12 Bill Roberts, volunteer advocate, AARP Montana

EXHIBIT(phs65a02)

00:23:50 Kelsey Wadsworth, chair, Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (BPTE); physical therapist and private practice owner in Bozeman

00:25:30 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:28 Chair Howard
00:26:31 Sen. Gross
00:27:07 Rep. Ehli
00:27:24 Sen. Gross
00:27:27 Chair Howard
00:27:51 Ms. Shannon, APTA
00:28:37 Chair Howard
00:29:46 Ms. Wadsworth, BPTE

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:20 Rep. Ehli

00:31:10 Sen. Sands
00:31:22 Chair Howard

00:31:58 Recess
00:32:25 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 387

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:31 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 387, Authorize establishment of a 12-bed intensive behavioral center.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:42 Dan Villa, budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning, Governor's Office; chair, Montana Developmental Center Transition Advisory Council

00:35:13

00:35:17 Carol Dailey, representing herself

[EXHIBIT\(phs65a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs65a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs65a05\)](#)

00:45:51 Sandy Heine, co-guardian, representing herself

[EXHIBIT\(phs65a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs65a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs65a08\)](#)

00:52:35 Sen. Gross

00:52:46 Chair Howard

00:52:57 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), also serving on the Montana Developmental Center Transition Advisory Council (MDC)

00:55:54 Jan Anderson, Boulder Transition Advisory Committee

00:58:44 Gary Spaeth, representing Jefferson County

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:40 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, executive director, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
[EXHIBIT\(phs65a09\)](#)

01:04:32 Lori Jaschek, representing herself, Livingston
[EXHIBIT\(phs65a10\)](#)

01:09:23 Charlie Briggs, member, Montana Developmental Center Transition Advisory Council; board member, Disability Rights Montana

01:11:56 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

01:18:46 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Informational Testimony:

01:19:21 Rebecca deCamara, division administrator, Developmental Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

01:19:45 Mary Dalton, State Medicaid director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:19 Sen. Gross

01:22:57 Mr. Burke, MEA-MFT, AFSCME

01:23:11 Sen. Caferro

01:30:51 Ms. Dalton, DPHHS

01:31:38 Sen. Caferro

01:32:53 Ms. Franks-Ongoy, DRM

01:33:48 Chair Howard

01:33:54 Sen. Gross

01:36:05 Ms. deCamara, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:23 Rep. Wagoner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:47 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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